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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

HAIR et al.

Group Art Unit: 2873

Appln. No: 09/729,853

Examiner: Lester, E.

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Title: OPTICAL VEND-SENSING SYSTEM
FOR CONTROL OF VENDING MACHINE

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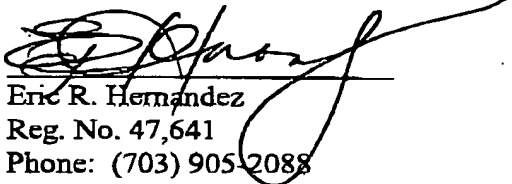
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Date: September 7, 2001

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

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